Marriage License Information

Montgomery County, Virginia

The marriage license is valid for 60 days; if you do not use the license, you must return it to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Your minister (or marriage officiant) must be authorized to perform ceremonies in Virginia.

The minister (or marriage officiant) will complete the bottom section of each license and must return both Copy A and Copy B to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

The minister (or marriage officiant) has **five (5) days after the ceremony** to return the license to our office. Certified copies cannot be issued until **both** Copy A and Copy B of the marriage license have been received.

The off-white certificate is <u>not</u> a legal document; it is only a complimentary certificate. You must obtain **certified copies** of the marriage license to use as legal proof of the marriage.

The Circuit Court Clerk's Office <u>will not send certified copies unless</u> <u>requested</u> by mail *or* you may <u>pick up</u> certified copies <u>by coming to the</u> Clerk's Office.

Copies are \$2.50 each

(please send check or money order; we cannot be responsible for

cash sent through the mail)

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE)

Mail copy requests to:

Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office

ATTN: Marriage License Request

PO Box 6309

Christiansburg, VA 24068

Name Change (bride's last name only)

We recommend requesting at least two (2) copies if you wish to change your last name. One copy will be mailed to the Social Security Administration. You may use the other copy at the DMV.

- Once you have changed your name with both SSA and DMV, you do not have to petition the court for a name change.
- Social Security requires proof of your name both before and after the name change.
- Mail the certified copy of your marriage license and attached SSA form to your local Social Security Administration.

Social Security Administration

Attn: SSN Unit

612 South Jefferson Street

Suite 100

Roanoke VA 24011-2433

Social Security Number Questions? 866.701.8179

Couples — Please keep this copy for future reference

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HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. This virus destroys the body's immune system so that it can't fight off infection. A weakened immune system can leave your body open to many life-threatening infections. This is called AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome).

Why Do I Need To Know This?

Because a person can live for years and years with HIV and not know it. Many warning signs of HIV can also be signs of other illnesses like colds or flu. The only sure way to know if you have HIV is to be tested. The only sure way to know if your fiancé or fiancée is infected, is for him/her to be tested.

Is There A Vaccine Or Gure?

At this time, there is no vaccine or cure for HIV/AIDS. Until a cure is found, a person with HIV can take medicine to live a healthier life. Until a vaccine is found, you can learn about HIV transmission and how to protect yourself.

How Is It Transmitted?

You can get HIV by having sex or by sharing needles with someone who is infected. If you are HIV infected and pregnant, there is medication you can use to reduce your chances of passing HIV to your baby. A woman receiving medical treatment for HIV in the United States has less than a 2% chance of infecting her baby with HIV. If you are planning a pregnancy, you should be tested.

You don't get HIV through casual contact such as shaking hands, drinking out of the same glass, coughing, toilet seats or hugging.

Ton't Have To Worry Because Only Certain People Set HTO. Right? Wrong! Anyone can get HIV. Having unprotected sex or sharing needles with someone who is infected; having unprotected sex with someone who shares needles; and having unprotected sex with a man who has sex with men puts you at risk. It's not who you are, but rather, what you do that puts you at risk for HIV.

How Can I Protect Myself And The Person I Bove?

Not having sex and not shooting drugs are the best ways to keep from getting HIV.

If you have sex (vaginal, oral, anal), you should have sex with only one person who is not infected. This person should only have sex with you. Use a new latex condom, correctly, each time you have sex of any kind.

If your partner or you are HIV positive, use a new latex condom, correctly, each time you have sex of any kind.

If you shoot drugs (including steroids and skin popping), don't share your works:

If you have any part of your body pierced or tatooed, make sure the equipment is new or has been cleaned/sterilized.

How Can I Find Out If I Have HTU?

You can be tested at your private doctor's office, health department, or an anonymous testing site. The Virginia HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Hotline can tell you where to receive testing for free. Call 1-800-533-4148 (voice/tdd).

The hotline can also provide you with more information about HIV, other STDs and testing.

Marriage and Good Health are both fulltime commitments. Know the facts.

Advice for Newlyweds

It may not be high on the list of wedding planning activities, but there are a few simple steps that can help keep tax issues from interrupting your newly-wedded bliss. If you recently married, check out your new tax situation. You might save money or even prevent the problem of a missing refund check.

The first things to handle are changes of name and address. Later, as tax season approaches, consider whether or not you'll itemize deductions, which tax return form is right for you and what filling status you'll use.

No one should delay the cake cutting or honeymoon because of taxes. But here are some helpful hints for later:

Use the Correct Name

You must provide correct names and identification numbers to claim personal exemptions or the Earned Income Tax Credit on your tax return. If you changed your name upon marrying, let the Social Security Administration know and update your Social Security card so the number matches your new name. Use Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card.

Report Your Change of Address

If you or your spouse have a new address, notify the U.S. Postal Service, so that it will be able to forward any tax refunds or IRS correspondence. The Postal Service will also pass your new address on to IRS, so we can update your account. You may also notify us directly by sending Form 8822, Change of Address. Or write to the IRS center where you filed your most recent return and provide your full name, old and new addresses, SSN and signature. Remember to let your employers know about any name or address changes so you'll receive your W-2s after the end of the year.

Get That Refund Check

Each year, the Postal Service returns thousands of tax refund checks as undeliverable, usually because the addressee has moved. Notifying both the Postal Service and the IRS of an address change in a timely manner can help ensure the proper delivery of any refund checks. To check the status of a tax refund, use our "Where's My Refund?" service or call the toll-free refund line at 1-800-829-1954. If your refund check was returned to the IRS as undeliverable, call the toll-free customer service line at 1-800-829-1040 to arrange for reissuance.

Select the Right Form

Choosing the right individual income tax form can help save money. Newly married taxpayers may find that they now have enough deductions to itemize on their tax returns. Amounts paid for medical care, mortgage interest, contributions, casualty losses and certain miscellaneous costs can reduce your taxable income, lowering your tax. You must use Form 1040 if you itemize deductions. You cannot claim these deductions if you file Form 1040A or 1040EZ, although you may subtract some other items on these basic forms.

If the tax package you receive in January doesn't have all the forms you need, you may download them from this site or call (toll-free) 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Choose the Best Filing Status

Your marital status on December 31 determines whether your are considered married for that year. Married persons may file their federal income tax return either jointly or separately in any given year. Choosing the right filing status may save you money.

- A joint return (Married Filing Jointly) allows spouses to combine their income and to deduct combined deductions and
 expenses on a single tax return. Both spouses must sign the return and both are held responsible for the contents.
- With separate returns (Married Filing Separately), each spouse signs, files and is responsible for his or her own tax
 return. Each is taxed on his or her own income, and can take only his or her individual deductions and credits. If one spouse
 itemizes deductions, the other must also.

Figuring the tax both ways can determine which filing status will result in the lowest tax – usually, it's filing jointly. Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, has detailed information on filing status.